

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Priess, Jackson, Fillippi, Walker, Richard, Jasparro, Blackburn and Dias. Commissioner Pearson was absent from the hearing. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #070249 Mark and Elaine Remillard, for the property located at 1572 Lonsdale Avenue, Lincoln. DSFM Christine Kent and DSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a variance for structural hardship for the gate leading to the front that does not meet the required width. The State Fire Marshal's Office advised the Board that they have no access to the roof of this building where the gas fire heating unit is located. The State Fire Marshal's Office requested that a certified third party company be hired to ensure that the heating unit is enclosed and verify the BTU of the heating unit. The Board granted a time variance of 30 days to prepare a plan of action to have the heating unit checked and 120 days from the date of this hearing to have this information in writing and provided to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060930: The Applicant failed to appear for the property located at 334 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. ADSFM Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office and requested that this hearing be rescheduled for a later date. The Board granted the Marshal's request to reschedule this hearing.

APPEAL#070271: Mr. Donald Mehrten and Chief Mark St. Pierre, for the property located at 201 Callahan Street, Harrisville. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dais, to grant the Applicant a variance for portable wheel chocks to protect the air compressor machine which is located on the apparatus floor directly in front of the fire engine parking spot. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of 30 days from the date of the hearing to submit a plan of action to achieve the 2 hour separation between the apparatus floor and the day room and to create a two-hour separation for the diesel generator room that is not properly enclosed and to have all storage removed from this area. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070272: Mr. Donald Mehrtens and Chief Mark St. Pierre, for the property located at 115 Central Street, Harrisville. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant testified that the fire alarm is in full compliance. The State Fire Marshal's Office has no documentation stating the fire alarm system is compliant. At this time the Board advised the State Fire Marshal's

Office to re-inspect the fire alarm system to ensure the fire alarm system is in compliance. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jasparro and Jackson, that if the State Fire Marshal's Office finds that the fire alarm is not in compliant, the Board would grant the Applicant a time variance of 30 days from the date of the decision to submit plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office for approval and another 120 days to bring the fire alarm into compliance. The Board granted a variance for the door leading from the garage area to the utility room with the State Fire Marshal objecting to this variance. The Board granted a time variance of 30 days from the date of the hearing to submit a plan of action for any other deficiencies and 120 days to bring this facility into full compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL#060911: Dr. Archie Touchette and Mr. Richard Fontine, for the property located at 2 Monument Square, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton and ADSFM Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Filippi to grant the Applicant a time variance of 30 days to submit a plan of action to the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office and another 120 days to bring this facility in to compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL#060927: Mr. Christopher White, for the property located at 1096-1098 Social Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton and ADSFM Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's

Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias and Vice Chairman Newbrook that the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office is to verify all other items are corrected; if not, the Board granted the Applicant a time variance of 30 days to submit a plan of action for the remote shut off switch for the furnace, install approved fire rated doors with self closures and any other deficiencies that the Fire Marshal's Office deems necessary and 120 days to bring this facility in full compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL#060244: Mr. Dominique Doiran, for the property located at 84 Cumberland Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton and ADSFM Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. At this time the Woonsocket Fire Marshal and the Applicant requested to postpone the hearing to allow the Board a chance visit the Applicant's property for an on-site inspection.

Respectfully submitted,
Desiree Campanini